

BOTESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 12 January 2015
at Botesdale Village Hall

Present: Cllr John Abraham
Cllr Brendan Burgess
Cllr William Sargeant (Chairman)
Cllr Ernie Baxter
Cllr Eric Hathaway
District Cllr Sara Michell
1 Member of the Public

7.30pm The Chairman welcomed those present and opened the meeting.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from Cllrs Green and Bishop.
2. **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 1 December 2014.** The minutes of the Meeting, circulated with the agenda, were agreed and signed.
3. **Members Declarations of Interests and Dispensations:** None.
4. **Public Forum:** 7.32pm RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7.46pm.
5. **Planning:**
 - 5.1 **Planning Applications:** None.
 - 5.2 **Notice of Intent to prune/remove tree(s) in the Conservation Area:**
 - 5.2.1 **Stable Cottage, Chandlers Lane, Botesdale.** Ref: 0015/15. Crown reduction to yew tree. NO OBJECTION.
 - 5.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:**
 - 5.3.1 **Botesdale Lodge, Mill Road, Botesdale.** Ref: 3403/14. Demolition of out-Building & erection of replacement out-building including change of use to form cartlodge with external staircase to attic & separate annex accommodation. Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent GRANTED.
6. **Progress Reports:**
 - 6.1 Chairman: The Chairman had attended the Neighbourhood Watch meeting at which oil thefts and scams were discussed. He reported on Christmas event preparations including the Tree lighting and Santa's Visit. There had been some problems with water ingress in the tree light electrics which would need to be addressed next year. Chris Burnard had resolved the issue temporarily. The Chairman and Mr Burnard had removed the tree on 12th night. The Chairman also reported that Claire Appleby had resigned from the PC due to pressures of work and he had responded on the PCs behalf to thank her for her efforts on the Council.
 - 6.2 Clerk: The Clerk had written to SCC Highways asking for an update on proposed improvements.
7. **Correspondence:**
 - 7.1. **Home Start:** The request for funding would be discussed in April.
 - 7.2. **MSDC:** It was noted that there would be forthcoming consultation for a new joint Local Plan for Mid Suffolk and Babergh Districts.
 - 7.3. **K Pederick:** The complaint about dog mess was noted and a notice would be put in the parish magazine.
8. **General Items:**
 - 8.1 **Precept 2015-16:** The precept request was signed.

9. **Finance:**

9.1 **Account Balances:**

Current Account	£ 1,367.17
Deposit Account	£17,866.25

9.2 **Accounts for Payment:**

L Jackson-Eve	£ 363.49	Sal/Exps Jan 15
T Gaddis	£ 117.24	Street Clean/Play Area Jan 15
C Burnard	£ 144.00	Hydraulic Platform for Xmas Tree
Elveden Estate	£ 598.32	20ft Spruce
Mr P Stone	£ 100.00	Repair of Bench opposite PO

RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts detailed above.

9.3 **Quarterly Budget Report:** The report for Oct-Dec 2014 was noted.

10. **Councillors Reports:**

- War Memorial: It was agreed to keep the wreaths up until at least the next meeting.

11. **Highways Issues:** Flytipping at Common Road near the bypass was reported.

12. **Welcome Pack:** One.

13. **Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council/Items for the next agenda:**
None.

14. **Next Meeting:** 9 February 2015

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.